

SUBJECT

Max Knoller's statement re a medicine transaction for the Russian Gov't.

Names involved:

S. Goldstein, American.

Berthel.

Lloyd, of the S'hai Times

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24/9/17
September 24,

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Sir Everard D. H. Fraser, K.C.M.G.,
H. B. M's Consul-General,
Shanghai.

My dear Sir Everard,

Confidential.

Max Kindler on September 22 made and signed a statement to the following effect:-

"A little over a year ago, a certain chemist staying in the boarding house of Mrs Abeles at 23 North Szechuen Road, got in contact with certain Russians, who wished to buy medicine for the Russian Government. A deal was arranged through an American named S. Goldstein. The chemist and Goldstein went to Berthel, and asked if he could supply the medicine wanted. He replied in the affirmative, adding that he would need a few days' grace.

"Berthel supplied the wanted drugs which bore labels of British manufacturers. The cargo was shipped and the Russo-Asiatic Bank paid for them against the Bill of lading. When the medicine arrived in Russia it was found that some of it which purported to be quinine and other drugs was composed of flour, epsom salts, and other worthless ingredients. The Russian Government moved in the matter, and, as a result, some lawyer in Shanghai wrote very strongly to Goldstein and Berthel saying they would be prosecuted if they did not return the money. Berthel then engaged Dr. Fischer, and did not return the money."

Yours sincerely,



Captain-Superintendent of Police.



POLICE FORCE.
(DETECTIVE BRANCH)

Shanghai Municipal Council.

24th September 1917.

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Your obedient servant,

W. C. I. D.

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Captain Superintendent of Police.

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SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

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REPORT OF POLICE INVESTIGATIONS.

The following is the statement of Max Kindler
native of Austrian taken by me (D. S. Givens)
at 10 a.m. on the Sept. 22, 1917, and interpreted by _____

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Signed by

~~In the presence of~~*Max Kindler*
Shanghai 22 Sept 17